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Desert Diary

By R. B.

Looks like we might have some fireworks up around this way over the Fourth of July after all — starting on Sunday with the American Legion over at Yucca throwing an all-day celebration and winding up with a dance that night. Up at Pioneertown the second annual "Korny Karnival" is slated for the 4th, with the local people putting on gags and sideshows that last year proved to be hilarious.

Nothing like a couple airplane crack-ups to bring about some good old hangar flying among the former and present flying men in the valley. Art Goodwin at the Polly station in Yucca turns out to be a World War I pilot. The same for Tom Bouchey. Both can spin some interesting yarns about their days in the wild blue yonder.

Judging from the food at the pot luck supper Saturday, at which time the new kitchen at the Joshua Tree community hall was dedicated, "pot luck" is a "sure thing" — at least when the ladies of Joshua are concerned. The new kitchen might have had something to do with it, — but brother, what GOOD chow. I was still remembering Mrs. Peterson's luscious apple pie at the Turtle Races and managed to save room for somebody's swell raisin pie.

Joshua Tree may have some shortcomings, but need never take a back seat for its wonderful tasting water. No exaggeration this! It's really good, many folks say so, so we can blow our horn with justification.

Houghton Buys Eddie and Jack's

Don Houghton announced the purchase of the Eddie and Jack pool hall this week from Eddie Baldwin and Jack Crane. Houghton took over the management last Friday. He has named the establishment the D-J Sports Center and his wife, June, will be in charge.

Monty Norris is assisting Mrs. Houghton in operation of the sports center.

Houghton will continue to operate the Chevron service station here until he sells his lease, he told the Journal.

New Ambulance Voted for Joshua Area

Residents of Joshua Tree, Sun Valley, Yucca Valley, Morongo Valley and Pioneertown will soon have a new, late model ambulance!

The new ambulance, a 1947 De Soto, was purchased from the Twentynine Palms Ambulance Association, and will be financed through popular donations. If you cannot wait for someone to call on you, simply mail your donation to the Joshua Tree Ambulance Association, Joshua Tree, Calif.

Due to increasing population in these towns, the Joshua Tree Ambulance Association, at a special meeting held last Friday, voted to retire the old Chevrolet for a new and better equipped ambulance. A special committee has been selected to secure new memberships and donations.

During the first year of its incorporation, the Association responded to and completed 48 calls: 22, Yucca Valley; 21 Joshua Tree; 3 Morongo Valley and 2 Pioneertown. Many of these trips were made at night, with the volunteer driver and his assistant leaving his or her family to rush to hospitals. It may have been one of your dear ones rushed to the hospital for an emergency operation. Several of these trips were made as far as the Corona Naval Hospital, as well as Los Angeles.

To secure the services of the ambulance, one need only contact his local physician.

The membership fee is only $3.00 a year. The association operates as a non-profit organization. ALL work is volunteered — no salaries nor commissions are paid to officers, drivers or attendants. The membership fees must pay for the gas, oil, tires, repairs, medical supplies and insurance, which in itself is a big item.

2 Moonlight Air Crashes Excite Yucca, Pioneertown; Four Fliers Lucky Out

Flying over the desert by moonlight early Sunday morning one minute, down on the earth all busted up the next! That was the story of four San Fernando Valley pilots who luckily walked away from two crashed BT-13 airplanes between 1:15 and 1:30 a.m at Pioneertown and Yucca Valley respectively.

The buddy airplanes flew over Pioneertown together. The first, piloted by Ward James and Jack Fagerty, veteran flyers of many years experience, developed engine trouble, turned and headed down into a street running parallel to Pioneertown's "Mane" Street.

When about 30 feet from the ground James pulled up his right wing sharply to avoid crashing into movie construction sets used by the Cisco Kid productions. Apparently without sufficient flying speed, the plane plumetted to the earth. James received some lacerations about the face and a bruised leg.

Royal Lowe, pilot of the second aircraft, flew low over the crashed plane and then headed for the Yucca Valley Sky Corral in Yucca Village, some 4 miles distant. Five minutes later he landed off to the left of the runway and crashed into a Joshua Tree, sliding to a stop about 100 feet from a residence. Again — luckily — both he and his companion, Lou Harper, walked away from the plane.

Both planes were damaged beyond repair.

Crowds from local dances at both communities rushed to the scenes of the accidents and in each instance there were several persons who witnessed the crashes.

Art Goodwin, former army pilot, of Yucca, said he headed for the Sky Corral to flash his lights over the runway to help the pilot, thinking there was an emergency landing in the offing. Jule Boldizsar, owner of the air strip rushed to the help of the pilots involved in the Yucca crash.

At Pioneertown a late Saturday night dance at the Grubstake and late bowlers at the Pioneer Bowl were lured from their places as the hum of motors whined through the moonlight air. There was plenty of excitement seconds later, repeated minutes later at Yucca. Excitement — and four very lucky young fellows!

Cubs to Get Tough

"They can't beat us!"

So says Hubert Aldrich, new manager of the Joshua Tree Cubs. He plans to make it tough for Twentynine Palms the rest of the season by practicing the Cubs often and insisting on heads up softball.

The Cubs have added three players to their roster who may see some action next week. They are Harry Newton, Red Johnson and Roy Brown.

Bob Garry had three hits last week as the Cubs tangled with the leading Marks Character Roomers and lost a close 7 to 5 contest. Fred Marble went the full 7 innings and twirled creditable ball but the Cubs just couldn't push across enough runs to win.

Turkey's Lament

A small albino turkey was the pet of Rancho Sun Valley this week — and quite the privileged character!

The albino was given to Charles King by Tom Frye who raises the "Beltsville" white turkeys. King had to put "Albie" in a separate pen. The bronze turkeys, like the whites, wouldn't accept him— they'd tear him to pieces if he tried to stay. So, "Albie" is a turkey without a family, nobody loves him — 'cept the growers who provide the bachelor apartment and feed.

125 Attend New Kitchen Party

A crowd of 125 people turned out for the pot-luck supper at the Community hall last Saturday evening as the Joshua Tree Women's Club dedicated their new kitchen to the town. Following the supper a program of entertainment was enjoyed by those attending.

Mrs. Frank Cook in a presentation talk dedicated the kitchen to the community — a gift from the Women's club. Ray Moore accepted on behalf of the community association.

George Bloom, local contractor, who built the addition, spoke briefly and returned five $10 notes he had purchased during the campaign to raise funds for the building.

The kitchen was erected at a cost of $2000. Mrs. H. Pepper originated the plan to sell the ten dollar notes to the populace. Margaret Bair served as active sales chairman for the club and Mrs. Jean Rees, treasurer, handled the money matters.

A very enjoyable songfest highlighted the entertainment program arranged by Mr. and Mrs. Herb Longshaw. Vivian Mossberger of Yucca Valley played the piano and her efforts were well received. The songfest was a "big hit" of the evening.

Harlow Jones of Twentynine Palms presented a film which featured desert flowers and the Pioneer Days celebration held at 29.

Mrs. Cook read a list of items already turned over for use in the new kitchen and the names of the donaters. The organization will be happy to accept any further contributions, a club spokesman said.

Hamilton Sales Corporation opened this fine new modern building in Twentynine Palms last Saturday. Five businesses will open here next fall it was learned.

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FATHER'S DAY

For some reason, the same degree of glory attached to motherhood doesn't surround the status of being a father. Mother's Day is approached with reverence and carnations, but people are inclined to be just a little bit embarrassed about the idea of a whole day being set aside to honor the old man.

We don't know why this should be so. The Good Book says: "Honor thy father and thy mother." Father even comes first in that admonition.

Mother may give up the best years of her life for her children, but father doesn't get any younger either getting together enough scratch to feed all the little mouths at the family dinner table. Granted that mama plays a more important role getting the infants born in the first place, at least medical science has made great strides in easing the task, while nobody has even given a thought to easing the anguish of the male parent's vigil outside the delivery room door.

Father deserves a day of his own, and all the neckties, argyle socks, cuff links and Hawaiian sport shirts the stores would never get rid of otherwise. If only he wasn't stuck to pay the bill for them at the end of the month, it would all seem more worth while.

"Stay East Young Man!" Veterans Are Warned; California Needs Breather

BY JAMES DORAIS

"Stay East, young man, stay East!"

That irreverent contradiction of Horace Greeley's famous advice was voiced last week by Urban F. Stewart, veterans' employment representative in California for the U. S. Employment Service.

Unless they have a job and a home, veterans are urged by Stewart's department not to come to California. That's quite a departure from the State's traditional come-one-come-all policy, but it's readily accounted for by a glance at statistics showing that in the face of an unemployment figure currently set at more than half a million, newcomers still are coming here at the rate of 22,000 per month.

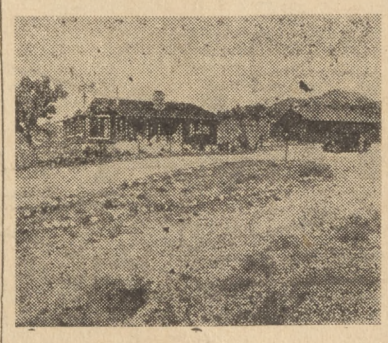
California needs time to catch its breath!

There just aren't enough jobs, houses and schools to go around. The school situation provides a particularly graphic example of how inadequate California's physical "plant" has become under the immigration onslaught of the past few years. It is estimated that more than 200 school districts in the State have taxed and bonded themselves to the legal limit of five per cent of the assessed value of the property within their boundaries and still suffer severe classroom shortages.

As a temporary expedient, the State of California appropriated fifty million dollars over the past two years in outright grants to impoverished districts for construction purposes. But that outlay, large as it was, didn't begin to fill the need.

Lowly Philosophy

By JUNE LeMERT PAXTON



THE JOSHUAS

GOD BLESS THEM, ANYWAY!

Two of my life-long friends, Minnie Pruitt and Osa Fisher, formerly of Kansas, but now living in San Bernardino, have just left after spending a few days at my cabin. You know how it is on such occasions, one and then the other will say, "You remember when" et cetera. Well, during this visit I believe those two women connived to out-wit me! Of the many childhood pranks about which they related, I seemed to be the ring-leader!

There was the time when, because it was my evenin-chore to go to the pasture to bring in the cow, I prevailed on Minnie to do the same. Our cows were staked out across the creek, more than a half-mile from our homes. All went well for a few weeks until Minnie tired of her self-appointed task. It was then that I persuaded her to ride her cow home! Minnie was heavier than I, but, somehow, I managed to get her up on that Bossy. The experiment was working swell! That is, until that bovine saw the clear, cool water in the creek! How was I to know the psychology of a cow? Anyway the creek bed was soft, and Minnie's dignity was the only thing that suffered!

Then they remembered the time that I caught a mouse in an old wash-boiler and induced them to help me hitch it to an empty match box. But alas, the mouse turned around and bit Osa. And then that rainy Sunday afternoon when I lined up all our playmates and shaved off every one's eyebrows. All but my younger sister's; I had just finished one brow when my brother returned home and I had to hurriedly hide the razor!

I still don't believe that I thought up all of our early-day escapades; but, for the life of me, I can't remember a single childhood prank that those girls inveigled me into doing!

FLYING VISITOR

A flying visitor to the Yucca Valley Sky Corral on Monday was Charles Bennett of Burlingame, Calif., who was a guest of Henry Daniels at Twentynine Palms over the week-end. Flying a new Navion four-place plane, Bennett brought a passenger to the desert for the opening of the new Hamilton building at 29. He was stationed for a short time there while with the air force during the war.

PETERMAN FLIES TO SUN VALLEY

Lester Peterman, president of the Sun Valley Water Company, flew to Kay Field near the turkey community on Saturday, landing shortly after noon. He was accompanied by Judge William Fox of Pasadena. The pair took-off again after a two hour visit.

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The Personal Touch

Harold Bayes, former Joshua Tree resident, and his family, are making a tour of California.

Aubrey Clark has been visiting here for the past few days. Well known here, he has recently returned from the West Indies.

Mrs. Hulde Hedin returned to Los Angeles Tuesday after spending the week-end here.

Mrs. O. W. Johnson returned to her home in Minneapolis, Minn., after spending seven months here in Joshua Tree.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Shipley left Monday for their home in Pomona after spending six weeks here.

Harlow Jones gave a special showing of his desert films for the Stefan de Bandrowskys at their home Saturday evening following the program at the pot-luck.

Mrs. May Miller at the Joshua Tree Lodge is feeling improved following an illness last week, her daughter Donna reports.

Monty "You can count on me" Norris is over at the D-J Sports Center helping June Houghton run the establishment.

After spending a few days at her home in Hollywood, June LeMert Paxton will go to Rushville, Illinois to attend the wedding of her niece, Virginia Pearson to Cecil Burrows. She plans to be away from the valley a few weeks.

Recent New Orleans visitors at Guy Ohlen's cabin were his friends, Michael and Josephine Strutzel and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Suhler. They were on their way home from a short vacation in Los Angeles.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Thompson of Ramona are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fields this week-end. Very much taken with the desert—Mr. Thompson was a former shipmate of Mr. Fields and is retired from the Navy.

Mrs. Margaret Bair slipped and fell on the floor in her home Sunday at 8 a.m. with a result of a fractured in her right ankle. She was taken to Thos. H. Ince Memorial Hospital for treatment. She was returned home about 11:30 with her foot in a cast and on crutches.

Over Rancho Sun Valley Way

The new home of Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Bereman is nearly completed and the couple expect to move in this week. George Bloom built the two bedroom home . . . Bonnie King is home after a short stay in the hospital after a typhoid attack — naturally husband Dick King is all smiles. Mrs. Charles King returned to the ranch after several days in the csity. . . . .

The Mayfield-DeWitt ranch now has its large brooder house completed, according to Charles Mayfield who is managing the place . . . 'Tis a rare week-end you don't find jovial Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Haynes driving up from L.A. to spend the week with their growing turkey flock. . . .

Forrest Summers is building another fence out at his ranch, getting himself "fenced-in" as his 4000 bird flock gets bigger every day eating up all that Ranchway feed.

The Duttons entertained Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Eisert of Montebello over the week-end.

29 Palms Bank Assets at Peak

A new high in assets, $802,901, was reached this month by the Joshua Monument National Bank of Twentynine Palms, it was revealed in a report released by Joseph P. Wasserburger, executive vice-president.

Real estate loans total $72,146.96 and other loans made in the greater Morongo valley by the bank number 14, and total $43,500.

An increase in interest rates beginning July 1, to 2 per cent up to $10,000 for each depositor, the board of directors announced. Money deposited on or before July 10 will bear interest as of July 1.

All residents of the greater Morongo basin are invited by the board of directors to participate in the building of a bigger and better place in which to live and in so doing to make it possible for others to enjoy the benefits the valley has to offer and its many city neighbors. New systems have been inaugurated which will simplify and speed up work within the bank, improve the service to cusomers and greatly add to the convenience of the public.

Mining Council OK's Phillips Bill

BY HOWARD D. CLARK

A well-attended meeting of the Twentynine Palms Chapter of Western Mining Council, Inc., at the Community Hall in Twentynine Palms on Monday, June 6, accomplished several objectives.

The members gave their approval to a proposal offered by Chas. L. Stokes, to the effect that the current Phillips Bill, H.R., 4116, dealing with changes in the Monument, would be acceptable, with some changes in its provisions. The changes agreed upon were that the area of approximately 310,000 acres which the bill proposes to delete from the Monument, shall in that case, be specifically restored to mining and location of mining claims under the General Mining Law. Also that the authority of the President to further revise the boundaries of the Monument as he sees fit, shall be canceled, and that the privately-owned lands and mining claims in the remaining portion of the Monument are to be acquired by the Secretary of the Interior solely with consent of the owners.

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It is impossible, of course, to catalog all the reasons for dilatory telephone answering, but we can mention a few. Hanging pictures, for instance, or hanging over the garden fence for a bit of neighborly gossip. Or putting up the baby's formula or the strawberry jam. Or washing the dishes, or the dog. Or taking a bath or a snooze. Things like that.

You know how it is in the average household. You have to vacuum the carpets, fill up the washing machine, change Junior's didies, cook a meal now and then. There are hundreds of reasons why people are sometimes a little slow in answering your calls. Be patient, give your friends time to drop what they're doing and get to the 'phone.

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Pioneertown News

Dorothy Buchanan resigned her position as manager of the Pioneer Bowling Alleys and will leave the desert, according to A. E. Thompson and A. C. White, proprietors.

Plans are shaping up for another "Korny Karnival" on July 4th with all the townspeople participating.

Frank "I never get mad" Gee of the Golden Stallion had reason to be mad Saturday night but he even smiled over this one. Seems as Frankie took out over the land to see the airplane crash and out of his pocket dropped $25 worth of eyeglasses.

Val Jones — who swears he's been everywhere and done everything — has entered partnership with Don Kokx at the Red Dog. Jones bought the half interest of Al Lipps.

WEDDING BELLS

Mrs. Verna Coulter Irwin announces the marriage of her son, John Wm. Coulter, Jr., to Janan Stinnett. He was the first boy in Joshua Tree to enlist in the services during the war, and has now served four years.

SON HOME

Duane Lipps, son of Mr. and Mrs. Al Lipps of Yucca Valley, is visiting his folks while on leave from the U.S. Coast Guard.

Morongo Valley Notes

BY ELIZABETH THOMSON

Final exercises for the year of the Morongo Valley School were held in the Community House last Friday evening with a most appreciative audience of parents and friends of the children. Great credit should go to our teacher, Edith Boutwell, for the marvelous piece of work she has done during the past year. Each pupil of the school had a part in the program and each child, down to the very youngest performed with complete poise and self-assurance. Members of the graduating class gave original orations, each following a moral theme. Those completing the sixth grade were Patricia Scott, David McCracken, Sharon Sales, Jerry Reed, Carol DeLand, Bobby Hobgood and Loran Law.

A community picnic in honor of Mrs. Edith Boutwell, was held Sunday in "Sabathy's Grove." Sunday school services were held in the grove preceding the pot luck luncheon.

Now that school is over some of the young people of the valley are turning their thoughts toward the possibilities of summer camp. Members of the Morongo Valley Woman's Social Club are meeting with those desiring to go to camp in order to devise ways and means of earning the necessary funds for the camp fee. Some of the teen agers are already hard at work making and selling candy and cookies, while others have made interesting little woodpecker door knockers. During recess of the Red Cross First Aid class a group of the girls brought colud drinks up to the Community Building to quench the thirst of the hard working First Aiders. Good luck, girls, on your various projects. We hope you all get to go to camp.

Following a delightful luncheon and social hour at Angels Cafe last Friday members of the Red Cross First Aid class presented the instructor, Mrs. Paul Thomson, with a beautiful Lowell Thomas rose. Those completing the course were Marguerite Norton, Vera Martin, Lorraine Johnson. Jessie DeLand and Clara Livingstone. Three others who started the course were forced to drop out due to illness or press of business.

The Harry Hesses have returned from an extended motor tour. They covered eight of the western states during their trip, spending some time in Wyoming and Nebraska.

Mrs. Barney Arnold and daughter DeDe plan to leave for Mexico City on June 17th via Mexican Airway. They will spend three or four weeks visiting Mrs. Arnold's brother, George M. Kountz of Mexico City.

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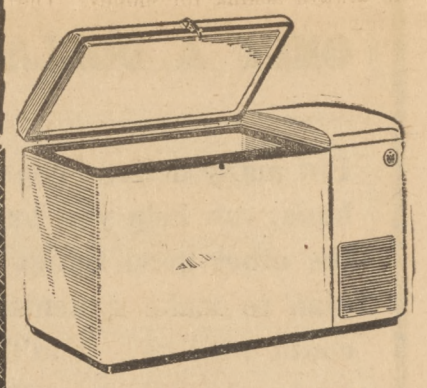

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Church Corner

By Edythe Fraetis

The departure of the Braham family to Downey leaves a very lamentable gap in our Sunday School. Will someone please volunteer to take over a teacherless class?

The Bible Study group will convene at the church Wednesday evening at 7:30. Miss Sara E. Swayzie will lead.

About 35 enjoyed the weiner bake at Coyote Hole last Monday evening. All joined in hunting wood for the fire and so were extra hungry for the punch and good eats.

Those who have recently united with our church are: Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Bereman, Mrs. Hattie Arnold, Miss Sara Swayzie, Mrs. Jean Rees, Mr. Charles Kraus and Mrs. Laura Young and sons, Peter and David.

Dr. David C. Williams delivered a very instructive discourse on our duty in giving to the Lord's work. From the scripture he read how we are asked to lay away for the first of the week and give as the Lord has prospered us. We are inpartnership with the church, it being a part of us and we a part of it. As everything we have comes from God it is only fair that a part be returned to Him.

Unless we play square in business we do not last long. In this a partner demands a half of the profits while God asks for only a tenth.

As the Dead Sea, having no outlet has no life, so with people who take in everything and never give out a thing. We are cheating ourselves as well as God when we withhold from Him our time, talents and money.

People complain that the church is always asking for money. The same may be said of almost any other organization. The fact is Jesus talked of money in its relationship to God more than he did of any other subject.

Children should be trained to give of themselves to the Lord in joyful service of singing and other helpful ways. They the the future hope of the church.

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SUN VALLEY CLUB
Last Thursday each month
K Field, 8 P.M.

COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION
Community Hall, 8 p.m.
1st and 3rd Tues. evening.
Community Hall.

Church Notes

JOSHUA TREE

COMMUNITY CHAPEL
Rev. D. C. Williams, Minister.
Sunday services, 11 a.m.
Community Hall.
Sunday School: Mrs. H. K. Lee, Supt., Community Hall, 9:45 a.m.

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Wed. 8 p.m.
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Joseph D. Easter, Minister.
Sunday School, 9:30 a.m.
Worship Service, 10:45 a.m.
Prayer meeting, Thurs. 7:30 p.m.

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHURCH
Rev. P. J. O'Dowd, pastor.
Sunday Mass, 8 - 9 - 10:30 a.m.

CHURCH OF CHRIST
Bible Study 10 a.m.
Sermon, 11 a.m.
American Legion Cotta

EPISCOPAL SERVICES
Rev. Robert M. Hogarth of Palm Springs.
First Sunday each month
Community Church.

MORONGO VALLEY

UNION SUNDAY SCHOOL
Every Sunday, 10 a.m.
Community Hall

YUCCA VALLEY

YUCCA VALLEY CHAPEL
Sunday School Services—10 A.M.
Church Services—11 A.M., 8 P.M.
Wednesday evening — Prayer Meeting — 8 P.M.

TRINITY FULL GOSPEL CHURCH
Bannock St. at Pueblo
Rev. Lola M. Stout, Pastor
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THE TERRAZAS STORY

at Rancho Sun Valley, Joshua Tree, California

Abel Terrazas and his wife Josephine brought their six children to Rancho Sun Valley in April of 1948. They left Los Angeles after 3 years there for the high desert country and a new start in a new community devoted to one thing primarily — raising turkeys. The Terrazas family started out small. They raised 1000 which were sent to the fall markets.

This year — 1949 — Abel Terrazas has almost trebled his turkey crop, expects to send some 2700 birds to market between September and November.

The Terrazas family finds the climate here very similar to Chihuahua, Mexico, where all the children were born. The dry climate is "ideal for raising turkeys," he says. The small community life and neighborliness of Rancho Sun Valley he and his family find to their liking. Terrazas comes from a well known old Spanish family of Mexico.

Their's is a busy, happy life. Abel and Josephine are early risers, usually at 5 a.m. Breakfast is at 6 at the ranch house. All the children are of school age and after they are on their way the handsome parents devote the remainder of the day to the turkeys. When there are poults the first six weeks are concentrated on almost 24 hour care. After the poults are six weeks the job becomes much simpler and the period of "gentleman farming" begins.

The children help with the chores after school and most of the day Saturday. They are learning the turkey business.

Last year the Terrazas — aided by a climate described as perfect for turkey raising by feed company experts — sustained less than a five percent loss in their 1000 bird crop. This year the percentage of loss is running at the same low figure. His latest shipment of poults are now two weeks old. The hatcheries supply an overage of birds amounting to 2 percent of the amount ordered. He had not yet lost this 2 percent when this article was prepared, a tribute to his skill and the favorable climate which keeps losses far below the national average for Sun Valley growers.

Next Family Portrait -- "The King Ranch"

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Joshua Tree Women's Club will hold installation of officers today at 2 p.m. at the Community hall. Mrs. Gus Ojala will be installed as president for the year.

Installing officers will be past presidents, Mrs. Lloyd Wiser and Mrs. Charles Mitchell.

Other officers to be installed are: 1st Vice - President, Mrs. Henrietta Pepper; 2nd Vice-President, Mrs. Edythe Fraetis; 3rd Vice-President, Mrs. Wm. Longshaw; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Meredith Wiley; Treasurer, Mrs. Ray Rees; Curator, Mrs. Julia Laughlin; and Refreshments, Mrs. Guy Peterson and her committee.

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